

Why I Am Pro-Life

The battlefields of WWI claimed 18 million souls as their own. The Taiping Rebellion extinguished the flames of 30 million who fought on the hills of China. Abortion clinics worldwide slaughtered more than 60 million for a morally wrong and unnecessary cause.

One of the most common pro-abortion arguments you'll hear is: "Abortion is necessary when pregnancy could harm the mother." However, medical science is constantly improving and even in 1967 the president of "Planned Parenthood", Dr. Alan Guttmacher said, "Today it is possible for almost any patient to be brought through pregnancy alive, unless she suffers from a fatal disease such as cancer or leukemia, and if so, abortion would be unlikely to prolong, much less save her life." Dr. C. Everett Coop, the former Surgeon General of the United States, also said, "The life-of-the-mother argument surfaces in every debate concerning abortion. The fact of the matter is that abortion as a necessity to save the life of the mother is so rare as to be non-existent." According to pro-life research, 0.69% of abortions are performed to keep the mother safe because of defects or in cases of rape or incest. Even the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute puts the percent of "necessary" abortions at 7%. Between 99.31% and 93% of abortions occur because of an unwanted pregnancy.

Abortions are also morally accepted because "fetuses aren't people". Now, society has decided that killing newborns is moral, with the internationally

known *Journal of Medical Ethics* claiming “The moral status of an infant is equivalent to that of a fetus, that is, neither can be considered a ‘person’ in a morally relevant sense.” The article claims it’s fine to kill newborns because like fetuses they aren’t people. Their definition of people is: “We take ‘person’ to mean an individual who is capable of attributing to her own existence some (at least) basic value such that being deprived of this existence represents a loss to her.” The article’s summary is, “You cannot harm a fetus/newborn because they aren’t people and cannot realize that they’re being harmed.”

However, the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines harm as “physical or mental damage” and person as “the personality of a human being.” Whether or not there is an awareness of harm, it is still being done.

Additionally, personalities were found by the Minnesota Study of Twins Reared Apart to be “due to genes, not environment.” Therefore, since personalities are present in genes from the moment of conception, we can know that all fetuses are people.

I am pro-life because I believe that each child has been destined by God to accomplish many things. I am pro-life because I believe in the value of each person. Instead of killing without consideration or for convenience, I am dedicated to giving each life a chance to contribute to society and convincing others to do likewise.

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